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CNET Selects Civilian of the Year

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- In a recent ceremony at the training headquarters on board Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) Vice Adm. John W. Craine Jr. honored Connie Webb as the 2000 CNET Staff Civilian of the Year.

According to Capt. Richard James, executive assistant to Craine, Webb exceeded the criteria for her nomination for Civilian of the Year.

"Connie Webb's performance is characterized as completely professional and is accomplished with total efficiency under the most harried of circumstances," James said. "Vice Admiral Craine totally relies upon her unfailing good judgement and common sense in scheduling his daily affairs."

As an example of Webb's expertise, earlier this year, she coordinated several last minute modifications to the admiral's schedule to make it possible for him to complete several high level briefings in Washington, D.C., and Pensacola.

"She spent many extra hours coordinating seemingly conflicting events with other commitments, including a busy travel schedule, a major conference involving the Navy and Air Force service chiefs, 50 additional senior military officers, and a number of local social functions as well," James said.

Webb thinks flexibility is a key element to success.

"It really is a juggling act," explained the Johnstown, Pa., native. "Once I built the calendar format, it was easier to plug the events into the schedule. But it constantly changes. I think I could teach a masters course in juggling to Ringling Brothers."

Webb also says you can't let your feeling get hurt when an idea doesn't work out. "Sometimes I recommend a course of action or schedule change and it just won't work. You have to be flexible in this job."

The CNET Staff Civilian of the Year award is designed to specifically recognize 'highly motivated' people who perform their jobs in highly a satisfactory and exemplary manner. Criteria for nominations and ultimately selection is based on a number of criteria including their performance on the job, their enthusiasm, loyalty, and dedication to the command and their responsibilities within the command.